6. School attendance, age 6—14 (female) improved from 59% (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 74% (1998-1999) NFHS II).

7. School Attendance, age 6—14 (male) went up from 75.5% (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 84% (1998-1999) (NFHS II).

(d) Several Ministries and Departments of the Government of India are implementing various schemes and programmes for the development of children. The Reproductive and Child Health Programme was launched in 1997 providing child health care and maternal services. A major initiative is the Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan with the primary objective to provide free and quality elementary education to all children by 2010. It proposes to cover all districts in the country by the end of Ninth Plan. The proposed Constitutional (93rd Amendment) Bill, 2001 has the objective of making education of all children in the age group of 6—14 years a fundamental right. The Government is in the process of finalising a National Nutrition Mission for the eradication of malnutrition in the country. The Government proposes to adopt a Nation Policy and Charter for Children and establish a National Commission for Children to oversee proper implementation of existing laws for children and protection of child rights. The Integrated Child Development Services Programme delivers an integrated package of basic services including supplementary nutrition, preschool education, immunization, health checkup, referral services, nutrition and health education. The programme is covering 314.43 lakhs children below 6 years and 62.25 lakh pregnant and lactating women through 5652 ICDS projects.

Reserved Quota in KVs and NVs

4742. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representation of SCs/STs/OBCs has not reached the prescribed quota of 49.5 per cent in respect of different categories of employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, so far;

(b) if so, the total number of posts in each category;

(c) the total number of persons of the SCs/STs/OBCs categories as on 2nd July, 1997;

(d) the fresh vacancies/posts created/occurred since then and those appointed against each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Computer education at block level

† 4743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for imparting computer education at the block level everywhere in the country has been prepared;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) the blocks which have been identified in different States in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme to impart computer education to the students of Government and Government aided schools. The revised CLASS scheme is not restricted to the block level. Financial assistance is provided to States/U.Ts on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the State/U.Ts. Besides the KVS and NVS would convert one school per State/U.T. into SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.